



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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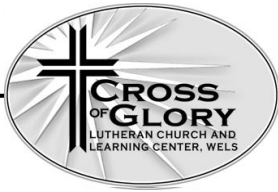
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Restrooms: The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

Cry Room: We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

Prayer Requests: If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.



RITE OF BAPTISM

HYMN.....See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 1-2)

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

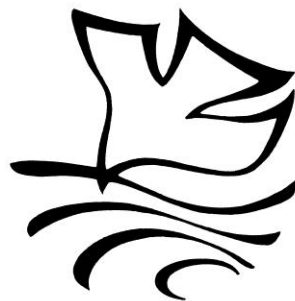
The minister speaks the introduction and then says:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.



Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Rower. Through this water of Baptism, drown in her all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil she may do. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the parents:

M: Do you desire to have Rowen baptized into this Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister, pouring water over the child, says:

M: Rowen Sunshin Bass, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Rowen in the way of the Lord and to instruct her in the truths of God's saving Word so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

- M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Rowen may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.
- C:** **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A baptismal candle is lit from the paschal candle:

- M:** Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for Rowen through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites her with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

STAND

PRAYER

- M:** We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Rowen as your own child and made her a member of Christ’s body, the Church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your Church on earth that being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and being buried with Christ into his death, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**
- M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

HYMN.....See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 3-4)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless ed are they who take

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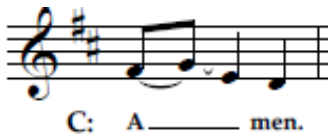
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



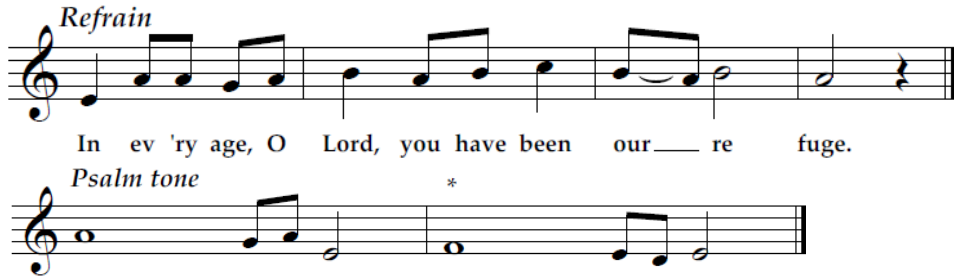
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THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON.....Amos 5:6, 7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. ⁷ You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground ¹⁰ you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. ¹¹ You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. ¹³ Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. ¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 90



M: Lord, you have been our 'dwelling place *

C: throughout all gene'rations.

M: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth 'and the world, *

C: from everlasting to everlasting 'you are God.

M: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has 'just gone by, *

C: or like a watch 'in the night.

Refrain

M: You have set our iniquities be'fore you, *

C: our secret sins in the light of your 'presence.

M: You turn mortals 'back to dust. *

C: You sweep them away in the 'sleep of death.

M: The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we 'have the strength; *

C: yet their span is but trouble and 'sorrow.

M: Teach us to number our 'days aright, *

C: that we may gain a heart of 'wisdom.

Refrain

M: Satisfy us in the morning with your un'failing love, *

C: that we may sing for joy and be glad 'all our days.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND

GOSPEL.....Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-- except God alone."¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Where Your Treasure Is (CWS #757)

SERMON.....Mark 10:17-27

“Be Sure to Check Your Blindspot”

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

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THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

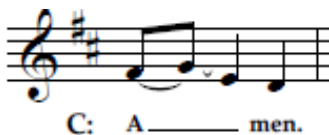
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN**Be Still, My Soul (CW #415)**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....**Take the World, But Give Me Jesus (CW #355)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance - Worship: 42; Communion: 32.

Offerings to the Lord - General Fund Offerings: \$3285; Cleaning of Fellowship Hall
Carpeting: \$400.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (10//12):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Saturday (10/17):	8:00 a.m.	Work Day
Sunday (10/18):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council / Bayou Servants for Christ

CHURCH WORK DAYS - OCTOBER 17TH & 24TH




We will be having work days on the next two Saturdays (October 17th & 24th). We will start in the morning at 8 a.m. There are many projects to be done in order to make our facility and grounds looking beautiful. Please come and lend a hand!

BAYOU SERVANTS FOR CHRIST (AND CHURCH COUNCIL) MEETING NEXT SUNDAY



The Bayou Servants for Christ will be meeting following worship next Sunday (October 18th). All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the Bayou Servants as the future of the organization will be discussed at this meeting. The church council will also be meeting at this time.

Cross of Glory Fall Festival



Sunday,
November 1st

Noon—3 p.m.

~ Free ~

~ Food ~

~ Games ~

~ Hay Ride~

~ All Are Welcome! ~

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